

**ARKANSAS
PERMIT OF APPROVAL
RULEBOOK**

SECTION VI. CONTINUING EFFECT OF A PERMIT OF APPROVAL

A. Implementing a Permit of Approval

1. Applicants approved to construct a new facility or expand an existing facility have 9 months from the date of the issuance of the Permit (or from the date of the final judicial decision on the Permit of Approval application) to sign a construction contract. The construction contract shall specify that the foundation for the facility will be completed within six (6) months of the signing of the contract and that the facility will be completed within eighteen (18) months from the date of the signing. An application for licensure of the beds contained in the new construction must be made within eighteen (18) months from the date of the signing of construction contract. In the event that the construction contract is not signed within nine (9) months, the foundation is not completed within six (6) months of signing the construction contract, or the project is not completed and an application for licensure not filed within eighteen (18) months of the date of signing of the construction contract the Permit must be terminated by the Agency. Appeals of the termination will be made to the Health Services Commission within thirty (30) days of notice of termination. Notice of the termination of a Permit will be through certified letter to the holder of the Permit. Notice of hearings on appeal of the termination will be by mail to the holder of the Permit and affected parties and legal notice in a newspaper of statewide coverage.